

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A data distribution system comprising:

 a data distribution server for conducting data distribution service, said data distribution server comprising:

 a plurality of data files structured individually by dividing potential distributed data, wherein each of the data files is classified by type of each data file and is further classified by function of each data file, and

 wherein the plurality of data files respectively relate to functions that do not overlap with each other; and

 data distribution means for selecting, from among the plurality of data files, only data files that are necessary to constitute the distributed data, combining the selected data files into distributed data, and distributing the distributed data.

2. (original): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the data distribution means responds to a formation condition set at a terminal to receive data distribution from said data distribution server and selects data files fitted for the formation condition from among the plurality of data files.

3. (original): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 2 wherein identification codes by function are assigned to the plurality of data files and any desired identification code is specified at the terminal, whereby the formation condition of the distributed data is set.

4. (original): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the data files are files of data by function into which data concerning a map is divided by navigation function.

5. (original): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 4 wherein a required function for navigation is specified at a navigation system of a terminal to set the formation condition of the distributed data.

6. (original): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 4 wherein the data file is at least one of road data, background data, comment data, guidance data, and route calculation data.

7. (original): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 4 wherein the data files are files of data by function of at least a display function, a locating function, a search function, and a route calculation function.

8. (currently amended): A data distribution method comprising the steps of:

registering a plurality of data files structured independently by dividing potential distributed data,

wherein each of the data files is classified by type of each data file and is further classified by function of each data file in a data distribution server for conducting data distribution service; and

selecting any data files from among the plurality of data files, combining the selected data files into distributed data, and distributing the distributed data,

wherein the plurality of data files respectively relate to functions that do not overlap with each other.

9. (original): The data distribution method as claimed in claim 8 wherein in response to a formation condition set at a terminal to receive data distribution from the data distribution server, data files fitted for the formation condition are selected from among the plurality of data files.

10. (original): The data distribution method as claimed in claim 9 wherein identification codes by function are assigned to the plurality of data files and an identification code is specified at the terminal to set the formation condition of the distributed data.

11. (original): The data distribution method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the data files are files of data by function into which data concerning a map is divided by navigation function.

12. (original): The data distribution method as claimed in claim 11 wherein a required function for navigation is specified at a navigation system of a terminal for setting the formation condition of the distributed data.

13. (new): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when an update to the potential distributed data is performed, only a data file or data files, which are necessary to implement the update, are changed.

14. (new): The data distribution method as claimed in claim 8, wherein, when an update to the potential distributed data is performed, only a data file or data files necessary to implement the update are changed.

15. (new): The data distribution system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a user terminal issues a request to the data distribution server, wherein, in response to the request, the data distribution means selects only the data files that are necessary to constitute the distributed data, combines the selected data files into the distributed data, and distributes the distributed data to the user terminal.

16. (new): The data distribution method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising receiving a request at the data distribution server from a user terminal,

wherein, in response to the request, the data files from among the plurality of data files are selected, the selected data files are combined into the distributed data, and the distributed data is distributed to the user terminal.

17. (new): A data distribution system comprising:

a data distribution server that conducts a data distribution service and that comprises a memory,

wherein the memory comprises plurality of data files structured individually by dividing potential distributed data, and

wherein each of the data files is classified by type of each data file and is further classified by function of each data file,

wherein the data distribution server receives a user request from a user terminal,

wherein, in response to the user request, the data distribution server selects, from among the plurality of data files, only data files that are necessary to constitute the distributed data, combines the selected data files into the distributed data, and distributes the distributed data to the user terminal.

18. (new): A data distribution method comprising:

registering a plurality of data files structured independently by dividing potential distributed data,

wherein each of the data files is classified by type of each data file and is further classified by function of each data file in a data distribution server for conducting data distribution service;

receiving a request from a user terminal; and

in response to the request, selecting data files from among the plurality of data files, combining the selected data files into distributed data, and distributing the distributed data to the user terminal.